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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Intelligence Coordination

ATTENTION : Mr. Claude E. Hawley

FROM : Chief, ROM/OIS

SUBJECT : [ ] Research Project on Soviet  
Linguistics

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1. The consensus here is that the [ ] proposal for a research project in Soviet linguistics would be of little value to CS offices. CS is certainly concerned with the Soviet use of language as a weapon of political and psychological warfare; but this concern centers in the actual employment of this weapon in cold war situations rather than on the Soviet theory of linguistics. Our needs would be more nearly met by a broader survey of Soviet semantics of the kind recently proposed [ ] although we are not prepared to commit EDP to support of such an expensive project. Schedule B of the [ ] proposal is of particular interest to us.

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2. This [ ] proposal will be among the research suggestions we will take up with [ ] and his staff. However, the recommendations for research from the [ ] group will not be forthcoming for several months.

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3. We will appreciate the return of the attachment.

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